

HOLLER et al
Serial No. 09/332,050

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Cancel claims 1 – 6 and 14 – 52 without prejudice or disclaimer.
2. Rewrite allowable¹ claim 7 as an independent claim, thereby rendering claims 7 – 13 allowable..
3. Add new method² claims 53 – 59 corresponding to allowable apparatus claims 7 – 13, respectively.
4. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

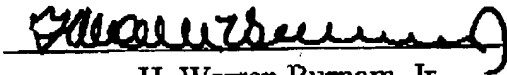
¹ Applicants believe claim 7 was indicated as allowable as evidenced by the PTOL-326 and the fact that no prior art rejections were levied against any of claims 7 - 13.

² Note that method claims, such as independent claim 4, have previously been pending.

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